

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims Listing:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims.

1. (original) Image-generating energy filter for electrically charged particles such as electrons and ions with at least two toroidal energy analyzers arranged in a row, where at least one energy analyzer has a diaphragm at its entrance plane and another diaphragm at its exit plane, characterized in that:

a transfer lens device (20, 20') is located between the exit plate (5) of the first energy analyzer (30, 30', 30'') and the entrance plane (6) of the second energy analyzer (40, 40', 40''), which device has negative lateral magnification  $V_L$ , negative angular magnification  $V_W$ , image rotation around the angle  $\gamma = \beta - 180^\circ$ , and a telescopic beam path, where its respective deflection angles  $\phi$  are equal and its energy-dispersive planes (33, 43) are rotated around the angle  $\beta$  with respect to each other.

2. (original) Energy filter according to Claim 1, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20, 20') is designed so that, in the energy-dispersive plane (33), it projects the intermediate image  $ZB_1$  (23) present at the exit plane (5) of the first energy analyzer (30, 30', 30'') with a linear magnification of

$$V_L = \frac{ZB_2}{ZB_1} < 0 \text{ and with an angular magnification of } V_W = -\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_1} < 0 \text{ where } V_W V_L \sqrt{\frac{E_2}{E_1}} = 1,$$

rotated around the angle  $\gamma$ , onto the entrance plane (6) of the second energy analyzer (40, 40', 40'') as intermediate image  $ZB_2$  (24),

where  $\alpha_1$  is the exit angle of the charged particles from the exit plane (5) of the first energy analyzer (30, 30', 30'');  $\alpha_2$  is the entrance angle to the entrance plane (6) of the

second energy analyzer (40, 40', 40'');  $E_1$  is the kinetic energy of the charged particles in the exit plane of the first energy analyzer (30, 30', 30''); and  $E_2$  is the kinetic energy of the charged particles in the entrance plane of the second energy analyzer (40, 40', 40''), and

where the charged particles in the transfer lens device (20, 20') pass through a telescopic beam path.

3. (currently amended) Energy filter according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, characterized in that the energy analyzers (30, 30', 30''); (40, 40', 40'') and the transfer lens device (20) are arranged with radial symmetry around the center of the transfer lens device.

4. (currently amended) Energy filter according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, characterized in that the energy analyzers (30, 30', 30''); (40, 40', 40'') are built with different dimensions.

5. (currently amended) Energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-4~~ characterized in that the energy analyzers are spherical sectors (30', 40'), hemispherical analyzers (30, 40), or cylindrical analyzers (30'', 40'').

6. (original) Energy filter according to Claim 5, characterized in that the energy-dispersive planes (33, 43) of the hemispherical analyzers (30, 40) are rotated around the axis (200) of the transfer lens device (20) by the angle  $\beta = 180^\circ$ , so that the beam path has a the shape of an "S".

7. (currently amended) Energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-6~~, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20) comprises at least one electrostatic tube lens (21, 22).

8. (currently amended) Energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-7~~, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20') comprises at least one magnetic lens.

9. (currently amended) Energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-8~~, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20) comprises at least one multipole lens (121, 122).

10. (currently amended) Energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-9~~, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20) has at least two lenses (21, 21') and (22, 22'), and in that the exit plane (5) of the first energy analyzer (30, 30', 30'') is located at the focal point of the first lens (21, 21') and the entrance plane (6) of the second energy analyzer (40, 40', 40'') is located at the focal point of the second lens (22, 22'), where the distance between the two lenses is  $2F$ , where  $F$  stands for the focal distance of the lenses (21, 22, 21', 22').

11. (currently amended) Use of an energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-10~~ for electron microscopes.

12. (currently amended) Use of an energy filter according to claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1-10~~ for time-resolved measuring instruments.

13. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the energy analyzers (30, 30', 30''; 40, 40', 40'') and the transfer lens device (20) are arranged with radial symmetry around the center of the transfer lens device.

14. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the energy analyzers (30, 30', 30''; 40, 40', 40'') are built with different dimensions.

15. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the energy analyzers are spherical sectors (30', 40'), hemispherical analyzers (30, 40), or cylindrical analyzers (30'', 40'').

16. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the energy-dispersive planes (33, 43) of the hemispherical analyzers (30, 40) are rotated around the axis (200) of the transfer lens device (20) by the angle  $\beta = 180^\circ$ , so that the beam path has a the shape of an "S".

17. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20) comprises at least one electrostatic tube lens (21, 22).

18. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20') comprises at least one magnetic lens.

19. (new) Energy filter according claim 2, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20) comprises at least one multipole lens (121, 122).

20. (new) Energy filter according to claim 2, characterized in that the transfer lens device (20) has at least two lenses (21, 21') and (22, 22'), and in that the exit plane (5) of the first energy analyzer (30, 30', 30'') is located at the focal point of the first lens (21, 21') and the entrance plane (6) of the second energy analyzer (40, 40', 40'') is located at the focal point of the second lens (22, 22'), where the distance between the two lenses is  $2F$ , where  $F$  stands for the focal distance of the lenses (21, 22, 21', 22').